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SUBJECT: HMG RECALLS AMBASSADOR AS DR. CASSIDY RELEASED

REF: SANTIAGO 8719

1. DR. SHEILA CASSIDY RETURNED TO BRITAIN DECEMBER 30 AFTER BEING DETAINED BY GOC (REFTEL) FOR TWO MONTHS. HER RETURN, AS ANTICIPATED REFTEL, RECEIVED MAJOR COVERAGE FROM ALL MEDIA WHICH FOCUSED ATTENTION ON HER ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE BY CHILEAN AUTHORITIES (HMG STATEMENT SUPPORTED THESE CHARGES) AND HMG'S STRONG DIPLOMATIC RESPONSE TO INCIDENT.

2. DR. CASSIDY TOLD PRESS, RADIO AND TV THAT DURING FIRST 12 HOURS AFTER HER ARREST SHE WAS STRIPPED NAKED, TIED TO BED, HAD ELECTRODES FIXED TO HER BODY AND WAS TORTURED BY ELECTRIC SHOCKS. SHE REFUSED TO GO INTO FURTHER DETAIL.

3. FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN RELEASED STATEMENT UPON  
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DR. CASSIDY'S ARRIVAL WHICH STATED, INTER ALIA: "NOW

THAT DR. CASSIDY IS SAFELY OUT OF CHILE, I CAN STATE  
WHAT UP TO NOW WE HAVE DELIBERATELY REFRAINED FROM PUB-  
LICISING. THIS IS THAT DR. CASSIDY WAS TORTURED BY THE  
CHILEAN SECRET POLICE...NO BRITISH GOVERNMENT CAN ACCEPT  
SUCH UNCIVILIZED, BRUTAL TREATMENT OF A BRITISH SUBJECT  
AT THE HANDS OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT." STATEMENT WENT  
ON TO ENUMERATE FOLLOWING MEASURES TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO  
THIS INCIDENT:

- (A) "PROTEST IN STRONGEST TERMS" TO GOC  
AND DEMAND FULL ENQUIRY OF CASE (TEXT OF STATEMENT ALSO  
RELEASED);
- (B) RECALL OF HM'S AMBASSADOR TO CHILE; AND
- (C) CONSIDER SUBMITTING EVIDENCE ON THE CASE TO UN  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION."

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT AS YET KNOW WHETHER HMG IS CON-  
TEMPLATING ANY FURTHER ACTION IN THIS CASE. PRESS  
SPECULATES THAT GOVERNMENT MAY REFUSE TO DELIVER  
CHILEAN SUBMARINES CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN UK  
AND DISCONTINUE JET ENGINE SERVICE CONTRACT, TWO COURSES  
OF ACTION FAVORED BY LABOR PARTY'S LEFT-WING. HOWEVER,  
LABOR LEFTIST JUDITH HART WHO HAS BEEN PROMINENT IN  
ANTI-JUNTA CAMPAIGN IN UK, PUBLICLY PROFESSED HER  
SATISFACTION WITH STEPS ALREADY TAKEN. WHILE WE ARE  
CURRENTLY UNABLE ASSESS STRENGTH OF ANTI-CHILE SENTIMENT  
IN PARLIAMENT DUE TO HOLIDAY RECESS, MEDIA TREATMENT OF  
CASSIDY CASE IS LIKELY TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION WHICH  
IS ALREADY STRONGLY AGAINST PINOCHET REGIME, INTENSI-  
FYING PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT FOR FURTHER ACTION.

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